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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICAN FISHING BOAT MONSERATTE

1. ON JULY 24 MR. TOMAS ROSAS, OWNER OF THE FISHING BOAT MONSERATTE (POST OF REGISTRY: CABO ROJO, PUERTO RICO), TELEPHONED THE EMBASSY TO REPORT THAT THE MONSERATTE HAD BEEN DETAINED AT PUERTO PLATA BY THE DOMINICAN NAVY AUTHORITIES AND THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT THE ONLY PERSON WHO COULD AUTHORIZE ITS RELEASE WAS CAPTAIN MARTE VICTORIA, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE NAVY. THE DAO DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH CAPTAIN MARTE AND AMBASSADOR YOST MENTIONED IT TO FOREIGN SECRETARY JIMENEZ ON JULY 26. ON JULY 27 THE EMBASSY WAS INFORMED THAT THE BOAT WAS FREE TO LEAVE PORT. THAT DAY THE THREE CREWMAN WERE FINED \$50.00 EACH BY THE FISCAL AT PUERTO PLATA FOR BEING WITHOUT PROPER DOCUMENTATION.

2. ON JULY 28 EMBASSY WAS NOTIFIED BY LT. MOLINA, NAVY COMMANDER AT PUERTO PLATA, THAT THE MONSERATTE HAD LEFT PORT AT 5:00 A.M. FOR PUERTO RICO. MOLINA ALSO STATED THAT THE BOAT HAD NEVER BEEN DETAINED BY THE NAVY, AND THAT IT HAD BEEN DELAYED IN PORT UNDERGOING ENGINE REPAIRS AFTER HAVING BEEN DISABLED AT SEA AND TOWED INTO PORT ON JULY 22 BY THE PANAMANIAN VESSEL "YNAGUA ZAO." LT. MOLINA CALLED BACK WITHIN AN HOUR TO REPORT HAT THE MONSERATTE HAD AGAIN EXPERIENCED ENGINE TROUBLE AND RETURNED TO PUERTO PLATA.

3. ON JULY 29 THE MONSERATTE LEFT PUERTO PLATA FOR PUERTO RICO.

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4. EMBASSY IS CONTINUING EFFORTS WITH DOMINICAN AUTHORITIES TO CLARIFY THE APPARENT INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN THE STATEMENT THAT THE MONSERATTE TOOK REFUGE IN A DOMINICAN PORT AFTER BECOMING DISABLED AT SEA AND THEIR ACTION IN SENTENCING THE CREW TO NOMINAL FINES FOR NOT POSSESSING DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED OF FOREIGN SEAMEN WHO ENTER DOMINICAN TERRITORY UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. FYI. OWNER TOMAS ROSA ALSO IS OWNER OF THE FISHING VESSEL
ANTARAS, WHICH WAS INVOLVED IN A SIMILAR INCIDENT AT LA ROMANA,
DR, IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR (SANTO DOMINGO 1850).
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